

BOOK REVIEW

EDWARD G. VOSS. **Michigan Flora. Part III. Dicots (Pyrolaceae-Compositae).** 1996. (ISBN 87737-040-0, hbk). Cranbrook Institute of Science Bulletin 61 and University of Michigan Herbarium, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Orders: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N Woodward Ave., P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. 810-645-3239 or 810-645-3203. \$15.00 + shipping and handling. 622 pp, 771 maps, 267 illustrations.

This volume, is the third and last of a series of volumes providing practical, user-friendly keys, diagnostic characters, literature references and detailed ecological notes, supplemented by 771 distribution maps, 267 line drawings, 53 color photographs and keys to all the vascular plant families occurring within the 86 counties comprising Michigan. My personal experience with Part I, Gymnosperms and Monocots, as an undergraduate student at Michigan State, combined with my knowledge of Ed's passion for detail and accuracy, tell me that this volume is an excellent reference as were the previous two. The only item I consider missing from this fine book is that of a summary table, where total number of habitats, number of families, genera, species, and perhaps endangered, threatened or rare species, was included. While one can caution against such lists that often become restrictive and authoritarian, they are nonetheless, extremely useful to conservationists, land use planners and resource managers, particularly those operating at the Great Lakes Regional level. However, that is an insignificant blemish on an otherwise perfect publication. At the incredibly low price of \$15.00, this hard bound book on high quality paper is a must for every botanist's bookshelf.—*John J. Pipoly III*